

in her, and that she had lost  
hope and courage. She  
had seemed to care for nothing.  
Has she said anything to you  
of her state of mind? I would  
not ask you while she was  
at home because I always  
show her your letters to me.  
If Annie should like Santa Cruz  
and stay there several weeks I  
may go down to see her. The fare  
is only \$3.00 from San Jose,  
and Papa wants me to go.

Sam goes to China on the next  
steamer and I shall have  
to try a new kind of some  
kind. I may perhaps get a  
girl for this winter so as to  
be entirely free to do all that  
can be done for Annie.

Poor child if only I might some  
way bear her sickness for her.  
Have you got those remedies for  
your throat from China yet?

Dear Elbillie

Friday eve.

I told Annie to tell  
you that you need not come  
up now till her return from  
Santa Cruz, not that I should  
not be especially glad to see  
you but as you do not come  
often you must make all  
your visits when she is at  
home. I think she was  
quite pleased to go, and I  
was anxious to have her  
at the same time that I  
do not anticipate any  
particular benefit, it is  
a change for her and when  
she comes home that will  
be another. I have (in my  
own mind) seriously  
debated whether it was not

my duty to send for you to come home and be with her, but finally concluded not to do so at present.

Joe came up Wednesday evening as he had vacation the rest of this week, but for that I should have been entirely alone as Pupu went last night to San Jose with Annie in order that the ride to day might be less. Aunt June went down from the City this morning and Pupu will see Annie on the train to meet her on the train to meet her

this morning. They do not reach San Jose before 10, and so Annie would not have to hurry in the morning. Papa came home late last evening. He said that they

would reach Santa Cruz about 4 o'clock and that was better than I expected.

I think while Annie is away I shall take up the parlor carpet and fit up the parlor for a bedroom for her this winter. In that way she can have an open fire and be in her room as much as she pleases, and it ties her very much to go up and down stairs. At the same time she will be near me in the night and in the day she can be away from the house.

I have wished that I knew whether she ever says anything about herself to you. I have felt since she came back from Oakland the last time that there was a great change in



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